

August 1, 2025

Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Director Phelps Finnie,

[INSERT BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION]. Our organization has had the opportunity to review Gibson City's Pool Exploratory Committee's meeting minutes, pool visit photos, and comment on the City's proposed new swimming pool. This letter serves as our written support for Gibson City's application for IDNR's Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) funding.

The City's OSLAD Grant Proposal includes construction of a new swimming pool and bath house that will be located adjacent to the existing pool.

The swimming pool in Gibson City has been a treasured and heavily used recreational amenity in the community. As a smaller community, Gibson City doesn't have a lot of recreational opportunities available to our residents. The new swimming pool and bath house will promote community engagement, encourage placemaking for new and current residents, promote healthy living, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents of the City. The current swimming pool is not ADA accessible at all. City has been intentional in their planning efforts to include these components that will benefit all ages and abilities for its users.

As a local business/organization, we appreciate the community putting together a committee for the new pool and a well-planned project. We are hopeful to make this long-planned project come to fruition. We strongly encourage the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to support the Gibson City's OSLAD grant project.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,